

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Section 73.622(b),)	MB Docket No. 02-94
Table of Allotments,)	RM-10423
Digital Television Broadcast Stations.)	
(Athens, Georgia))	

**REPORT AND ORDER
(Proceeding Terminated)**

Adopted: July 15, 2002

Released: July 19, 2002

By the Chief, Video Division:

1. At the request of Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission (“GPTC”), licensee of noncommercial station WGTV-TV, Athens, Georgia, the Commission has before it the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, 17 FCC Rcd 755 (2002), proposing the substitution of DTV channel *12 for station WGTV-TV’s assigned DTV channel *22. GPTC filed comments restating its continuing interest in applying for DTV channel *12, if allotted. No other comments were received.

2. We believe the public interest would be served by allotting DTV channel *12 in lieu of DTV channel *22 since it will enable GPTC to minimize the modifications needed to convert station WGTV-TV’s facilities for digital operation while improving the reception for viewers. DTV channel *12 can be allotted to Athens, Georgia, as proposed, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirement of Section 73.625(a) at coordinates 33-48-18 N. and 84-08-40 W. In addition, we find that this channel is acceptable under the 2 percent criterion for *de minimis* impact that is applied in evaluating requests for modification of initial DTV allotments under Section 73.623(c)(2) for Station WGTV-TV with the following specifications:

<u>State & City</u>	<u>DTV Channel</u>	<u>DTV power (kW)</u>	<u>Antenna HAAT (m)</u>	<u>DTV Service Pop. (thous.)</u>
GA Athens	*12	16	305	3211

3. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority contained in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61, 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, IT IS ORDERED, That effective September 3, 2002, the DTV Table of Allotments, Section 73.622(b) of the Commission's Rules, IS AMENDED, with respect to the community listed below, to read as follows:

City

Channel No.

Athens, Georgia

*12, 48

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That within 45 days of the effective date of this *Order*, Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission shall submit to the Commission a minor change application for a construction permit (FCC Form 340) specifying DTV Channel *12 in lieu of DTV Channel *22 for station WGTV-DT.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this proceeding IS TERMINATED.

6. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Pam Blumenthal, Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

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